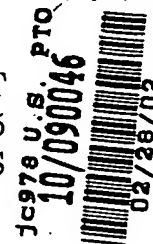


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In re application of:

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Serial No: (Not Assigned; parent 09/486,020)

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For: CELL CHEMOTACTIC FACTOR
(CCTF) ORIGINATING IN
MAMMALIAN TOOTH
PRICEMENT OR CEMENT,
METHOD FOR PURIFYING THE
SAME, AND NOVEL CONNECTIVE
TISSUE ADHESION PROMOTERS
CONTAINING THE SAME AS THE
ACTIVE INGREDIENT

Art Unit: Not Assigned

Examiner: Not Assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 8-12 as follows:

8 (New) A purified gingival fibroblast chemotactic factor (CCTF) extractable by saline from precementum and/or cementum of a Mammalian tooth, the purified gingival fibroblast chemotactic factor consisting essentially of a factor with a molecular weight of 67000 ± 1000 measured by SDS-PAGE.